*Quartz.*—Near Chattamgere, Mudigere, Yadeballi and Bellibetta, Krishnarajpet taluk.

*Soap-stone.*—Near Hadanur, Anchanahalli and Natahalli in Krishnarajpet taluk.

*Vermiculite.*—In the amphibolite rocks in the vicinity of Shimoga town.

Geological Survey.

**1128.** The Krishnarajpet taluk in the Mandya District, and some other regions in the Magadi, Kunigal, Tumkur and Hoskote taluks were geologically surveyed during the year.

**1129.** The Mineral Concession Rules, 1949, framed under the Mines and Minerals (Regulation and Development) Act, 1948 (Central Act No. LIII of 1948) were applied to the State from 29th October 1951.

**1130.** The three Division Offices of the Department constituted in 1945-46 were abolished and the work centralised in the Head Office at Bangalore from 20th December 1951.

**1131.** An important development during the year was the Organisation of a Bureau of Mineral Development, the Bagespura Kaolin Works with all its assets and liabilities, being merged with the Bureau. The chief activities of the Bureau will be mineral research and marketing of minerals. The Bureau started functioning from 1st April 1952.

**1132.** The two Industrial Concerns under the control of the Geological Department, namely the Bellara Gold Mines and the Bageshpura Kaolin Works, continued to work satisfactorily during the year. The Mines were supplied with Electricity and Water in August 1951.

## (ii) Central Statistical Department.

**1133.** The Commissioner of Economic Development and Planning and Secretary, Economic Conference continued to be the Ex-officio Director of Statistics (State Statistician) during the year.

**1134.** The organisation of the Central Statistical Department was sanctioned in September 1949. The post of a Technical Assistant to the Director of Statistics was sanctioned for a period of one year in the first instance.